

**Mayor's Council on Disability  
Chattanooga, Tennessee**

**Meeting Minutes  
June 4 2006**

**Sandra Booher, Chairperson**

**Bea Lyons, Vice Chair**

**Katye Jones, Secretary**

**Jill Hindman, Parliamentarian**

**Board Members:**

**Kim Williams**

**Jim Queen**

**Dr. Rick Rader**

**Mary Ann Schenk**

**Kathy Purnell**

**Gina Turley**

**Jennifer Nichols**

**Virginia Piper**

**Karl Epperson**

**Annie Ruth Palmer**

**Matt Lea, Liaison**

**Assistant to Mayor for Special  
Projects**

**Michelle Michaud, Liaison**

**Communications Director Mayor's  
Office**

**Meeting call to order by Chairperson,  
Sandra Booher**

**In attendance:**

**Katie Jones**

**Dr. Rick Rader**

**Gina Turly**

**Sandy Booher**

**Bea Lyons**

**Susan Crisp – Therapeutic Recreation**

**– City Of Chattanooga – in for Matt**

**Lea**

**Approval of April Minutes**

**New business:**

**Welcomed visitors to the meeting.**

**Also, in attendance were Donna Coleman – Fortwood Center and Molly Littleton - Signal Centers.**

**Beth Coleman – Epilepsy Foundation, nominations for the Tony Coelho award. This award was started by Joyce Bender of Bender Consulting services in Pennsylvania, in 2001 to honor and recognize the honorable Tony Coelho for his life long work enabling people with Disabilities to gain competitive employment.**

**Recipient of award must be a CEO/ President, senior level leader, have 20 or more employees with disabilities, have spoken publicly to other business leaders on why they should employ those with disabilities. Lastly, the recipient must have incorporates a school-to-work program for students with disabilities. David Morris, CEO of Happy Time International/Habitat Incorporated was endorsed by several on the board. Epilepsy Foundation will make the final nomination from all submitted.**

## **Old Business:**

**Wounded warriors Celebration, @ Coolidge Park, Mayor gave Declaration, dinner at River City Deli. An anonymous donation of \$5000.00 was made to the group.**

**Go!Fest – Susan Crisp is the go-to person for ideas. Date: October 14<sup>th</sup>. There is a need for more people with disabilities and agency providers to com to the Go!Fest Meetings. Representation is needed.**

## **Codes Enforcement Training: Panel Members:**

**Jill Hindman, Gina Turley, Sandra Booher, Karl Epperson, Ruth Palmer, Jeff Burner, Bea Lyons**

**30 individuals from codes enforcement met re: issues such as trash cans in the middle of the sidewalks. Matt Lea asked that the panel compile a list of issues. Visit to Memorial Auditorium to make suggestions for accessibility before renovation.**

**Our official website is**

**[www.mcd.chattanooga.gov](http://www.mcd.chattanooga.gov)**

**ADA celebration – planned for July 26 10:00 – 1:00. Waiting for location. Hope to have David Morris as the keynote speaker, Orange Grove dancers, Kids on the Block, and vendors, i.e. agencies & etc.**

**Need mission statement for the Council and on the website. Jennifer Nichols has put together videos to utilize in schools, churches and the like to help those without disabilities, understand what obstacles and stigmas those with disabilities face day to day.**



**Thanks to Dr. Rader, for earmarking  
Chattanooga along with the city of  
Chicago as STIGMA FREE cities**

**July 11, 2006 – Next meeting**

**Meeting adjourned  
Katie Jones, Secretary**

(correction to minutes August 7, 2006)